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Identical letters dated 8 February 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information:

Israel continues to violate the sovereignty of Lebanon by land, sea and air, in utter disregard of international law and Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). In the latter part of January alone, Israel committed 33 violations: 14 by air, 13 by sea and 6 by land. Meanwhile, Israel once again violated Lebanese airspace in the recent past in order to carry out raids in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

I should like to remind you that my country's mission has drawn your attention more than once to a series of other violations, including by means of the identical letters dated 30 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (A/72/553-S/2017/915). In that letter, we drew attention to an incident in which Israeli enemy aircraft violated Lebanese airspace on 7 September 2017 in order to carry out an air raid in Syrian territory.

In addition to the daily pattern of violations of Lebanese sovereignty, these repeated violations establish a very dangerous pattern and open a new chapter in the efforts of Israel to undermine regional security and peace.

Lebanon reiterates that it complies fully with Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) and condemns in the strongest terms the ever more serious violations being committed by Israel. Those violations clearly demonstrate that Israel will not hesitate to use force indiscriminately and blithely violate all principles of international law.

Lebanon once again calls on the Security Council and the entire international community to apply effectively the necessary pressure on Israel, in order to ensure that it complies with resolution 1701 (2006) in its entirety and that it implements the resolution fully and without delay, including by halting all violations of Lebanese airspace, in particular, and the sovereignty of Lebanon, in general. The continued violation of international law and resolutions by Israel constitutes a blatant threat to regional and international security and peace.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

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